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| 5. | गुजरात | 11609 |
| 6. | हरियाणा | 3018 |
| 7. | हिमाचल प्रदेश | 543 |
| 8. | जम्मू एवं कश्मीर | 532 |
| 9. | कर्नाटक | 8281 |
| 10. | केरल | 8856 |
| 11. | मध्य प्रदेश | 9302 |
| 12. | महाराष्ट्र | 13214 |
| 13. | उत्तर-पूर्व | 633 |
| 14. | उड़ीसा | 2589 |
| 15. | पंजाब | 10169 |
| 16. | राजस्थान | 7338 |
| 17. | तमिलनाडु | 7426 |
| 18. | उ०प्र० (पूर्वी) | 7371 |
| 19. | उ०प्र० (पश्चिमी) | 6371 |
| 20. | पश्चिम बंगाल | 1617 |
| 21. | मुंबई | 7172 |
| 22. | कलकत्ता | 5485 |
| 23. | दिल्ली | 5902 |
| 24. | चेन्नई | 3779 |

**Losses to NTC**

528. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the total accumulated loss of NTC mills so far;

(b) the main reasons for such losses;

(c) the fresh measures have been taken to off set the losses; and

(d) the results achieved?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R. L. JALAPPA): (a) The accumulated loss incurred by NTC mills as on 31.3.96 is Rs. 4682 crores. (provisional)

(b) The NTC has been incurring losses mainly due to obsolete machinery, excess manpower, low productivity, lack of working capital etc.

(c) and (d) The Government have placed before the BIFR a modernisation plan for NTC mills, involving, modernisation of 79 mills at an outlay of Rs. 2005.72 crores restructing 36 unviable mills into 18 viable mills etc. Pending the approval of package by the BIFR, Government is meeting the shortfall faced by NTC in payment of wages / salaries to avoid any hardship to the workers.

**Telephone Connections for Mini Telephone Exchanges in Rural Areas**

529. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of telephone connections required for Mini Telephone Exchanges in rural areas; and

(b) whether Government propose to open a Mini Telephone Exchange in Narsapet village areas of Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA): (a) As per the policy of the Department, a mini telephone exchange in rural areas is planned to be opened at a place when the registered paid demand reaches 10 or more.

(b) No, Sir, as no registered paid demand exists at Narsapet village of Andhra Pradesh.

**Improvement in Postal Services**

530. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to improve the postal services in every State;

(b) if so, the steps taken in that regard in Orissa during 8th Five Year Plan; and

(c) the details of the programme drawn up in that regard in 9th Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Department of Post